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SUBJ: RATIONALIZATION OF LOGISTICS: VISIT BY DR. BENNETT
(ACTING ASD/I&L)

REFS: A. USNATO 4278 111010Z AUG 75

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1. ALLIES INCLUDED IN DR. BENNETT'S ITINERARY HAVING SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY ON WIDE-RANGING ASPECTS OF DEFENSE POLICY AND LOGISTICS IN BROADEST SENSE, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION. THIS EMPHASIS, WE BELIEVE, EXTENDS BEYOND DR. BENNETT'S IMMEDIATE CONCERN WITH CONSUMER LOGISTICS (AS OPPOSED TO PRODUCTION LOGISTICS) AND WITH POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS TO CARRY OUT THIS WORK (REF A).

2. AMBASSADOR BRUCE HAS HELD RECENT CONSULTATIONS WITH NATO AMBASSADORS ON MAJOR US INITIATIVE TO INVOLVE NAC IN SUBSTANTIVE WORK TO IMPROVE STANDARDIZATION. ALLIES HAVE EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN, AND MAY PERCEIVE DR. BENNETT'S VISIT TO BE DIRECTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATED TO, THIS INITIATIVE. THIS SEEMS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN UK, WHERE MOD OFFICIAL (ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY) REACTED TO US STANDARDIZATION INITIATIVE BY LETTER, CLEARED AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, WHICH TIED DR.

BENNETT'S VISIT TO STANDARDIZATION.

3. DR. BENNETT HAS EVERY REASON TO MEET WITH HIGH-LEVEL DEFENSE POLICY OFFICIALS IN CAPITALS, BUT WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THEY MAY HAVE ISTAKEN DR. BENNETT'S PURPOSE AND THAT OTHER OFFICIALS HE WILL SEE MAY NOT HAVE A CONSUMER LOGISTICS ORIENTATION. WE RECOGNIZE THAT, AT THIS LATE DATE, IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE FLAVOR OF DR. BENNETT'S MEETINGS, BUT WE SUGGEST ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY WISH TO ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION WITH RESPECTIVE MODS.

4. DR. BENNETT IS NOW IN BRUSSELS AND CONCURS IN THIS MESSAGE.
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